

SECTION



MAKE NEW HIGH MARK IN HILL CLIMBING

Stock Maxwell Creates Sensation on "Pickle" Mountain

Power in untold quantities was demonstrated to a small group of newspaper men and a few members of the sales organization of Union Motors, Inc., including Don Shortz of San Pedro, Maxwell dealer of Torrance and Lomita, when a stock Maxwell touring car, completely equipped, was driven up the steep incline of the famous "Pickle Hill" near Alhambra, so named because of the huge lettering "57" that is visible to the hundreds who travel between Los Angeles and the beaches every day.

Without any outside aid, such as chains, sand hooks, or tackle, the car, piloted by C. A. Doyle, sales manager for the Los Angeles Maxwell organization, ran suddenly off the road that leads to the foot of the hill, and without stopping started the tortuous climb.

In addition to Doyle, the car was carrying two passengers, who stayed in until traction was lost entirely and the car started sliding backwards over the smooth surface of the huge figure "57." A combination of sheer strength, unusual braking ability of the car, and nerve of the driver succeeded in stopping it from continuing a disastrous slide, with a possible chance of turning over completely on the hill's steep and rough sides.

Doyle made the ascent twice, carrying in each instance two sets of passengers, so that the car had a load of three when it started the climb. Impossible of ascent on a straight line, it needs a wide circuit around the base of the hill, a test of the car's balance as the ground is not only rough but sloping at a great angle. A turn then starts the car, shifted by this time into low gear because of the rising grade, and a switch-back heads the radiator straight for the lower part of the huge "5" which blocks the way with a jump of approximately eight inches off the ground.

While it seems as if the car, traveling even slowly, would be turned over by the rise of solid cement, of which the letters are built, but the jump is safely completed, and using the cement figure for a roadway, the car continues up the hill, by this time, almost a sheer precipice. The turn in the figure is safely completed, and the front wheels touch the earth again.

A corps of road surveyors, employed in the vicinity on road construction, made actual grade tests of the hill, which have never before been announced. They found that the front wheels of the car, going the upper portion of the curve in the figure "5" went over a grade of 62 per cent, and that at the point where the rear wheels were refused traction on the smooth-faced cement, the grade is 53.17 per cent. The point at which the treacherous jump is made onto the cement from the earth is a grade of 44.69 per cent.

Blindfolded, He Drives to Frisco

From Los Angeles to San Francisco in an automobile alone and blindfolded!

This is not the raving of a lunatic, but the proposed exploit of Hayward Thompson, an ex-marine whose peculiarly weird feats have been the subject of discussion and controversy all over the country. Driving an automobile through dense traffic while blindfolded is one of his pet stunts, and one which he has accomplished in no less than sixty-eight different towns and cities.

Recently Thompson startled San Francisco with this amazing performance by negotiating the heavy traffic of Market street, both east and west. Other California cities have been mystified by the same feat.

Thompson is in Los Angeles, preparing for the long inter-city jaunt. He drove over the valley route to the south and after a careful study of the ridge road declared without hesitation that the trip presents no insurmountable obstacles. Having repeatedly demonstrated his ability successfully to weave pedestrian and vehicular traffic, Thompson declares the comparatively open roads on such a drive compensate for its length.

Thompson's ability to drive blindfolded is just as much a mystery to him, he says, as it is to the hundreds of thousands who have seen him do it all over the country. In like manner, he declares, he has had no adequate conception of the power which enables him to do any one of the thirty-six other weird things which he has demonstrated time and again.

"When I am blindfolded, I am not conscious of seeing anything ahead of me. If a machine cuts in from a side street or I approach close to a pedestrian or a vehicle, I have no mental picture of them. All I know is that I get a sub-conscious warning, as though I had an inner vision which penetrated my

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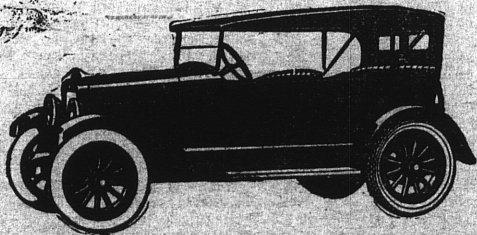
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Proposes Plan To Stop Speedsters

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 20.—Director C. J. Chenu of the State Motor Vehicle Department has a new system for punishing careless and fast drivers which he believes will be more efficient than the jail sentences judges are imposing for first offense cases of careless or fast driving.

Chenu would not put the offender in jail except in extreme cases and except when the arrest was for driving while intoxicated. He would inflict a more severe punishment which he believes would go further towards stopping careless and fast driving than jail sentence. He would deny absolutely the use of an automobile of any description during the period of probation.

"To put a man in jail for a day or a week is not to punish him so much as it is to punish his wife and children," said Chenu. "The innocent suffer by such action more than the guilty one. I would take the car away and not permit the offender to drive, ride in a car or truck or motorcycle, either his own, a friend's or a public conveyance.

skull and took in what my eyes cannot see. This vision telegraphs me not only the warning but the character of the object I am to avoid."

"How many men would not be punished severely by being forced to take street cars, trains and walk who otherwise would use a car. It would be bitter punishment, and would make him think in the future. Besides he would catch all kinds of rebuke from his family, especially if he was the only driver and they could not go out because of his crime. I'll bet in the future he would be mighty careful."

In cases where intoxication was involved Chenu favors the stiff sentence that is imposed, but he thinks in first offenses, or in the ordinary cases, his suggestion will do more than a short jail sentence. Another thing, Chenu says the courts should not permit violators to jump their bail, but should bring them into courts upon bench warrant.

Uncle Sam says each citizen should have \$39.93. If you haven't your per capita ask your wife. She may have frisked your pants.

A man is able to carry liberty of speech a lot farther than he is able to carry liberty of action.

BUICKS' POPULAR HERE

H. N. Griffin, of Gardena, Buick dealer for Torrance and Lomita district reports sales to Nina B. Nalley, Gardena, of a Buick sedan; to Frank Hughes, Inglewood, a Buick roadster; to W. H. Haskins, Central avenue, Buick 4-cylinder touring car.

AUTO THIEVES ARE TAKING EVERYTHING

Not Content With Cars They Now Steal Accessories

Auto thieves in Los Angeles have warmed up to their trade during the late summer months.

Now they are stealing anything from a headlight lens to a rear tire rack, says the theft bureau of the Automobile Club of Southern California.

There was a time when the auto thief was content to merely swipe a car or two and call it a day, but now he comes out of his lair and nips pretty nearly everything that stands in his path. If he can't get away with the whole car he takes what he can and goes on his way whistling.

Auto Club detectives are working day and night to forestall the activities of certain gangs which have apparently decided that Los Angeles is a nice comfortable place to settle down in for the winter. Detectives Erven, Raymond, Wood and Simpson say that the battle of the alleys is on.

There have been 1701 auto mobiles stolen in Los Angeles this year. Last year at this time there were only 1586 stolen.

A number of these stolen cars have been recovered, namely, 1028. There are 673 stolen cars which have not been recovered, representing a loss to individual motorists of approximately \$1,000,000.

There have been 115 more cars stolen in Los Angeles during the first eight months of this year than were stolen during the first eight months of last year, despite increased activity on the part of the police and the Auto Club to run the thieves to earth.

It is not easy for a man to look on the bright side when he suddenly discovers he is on the outside.

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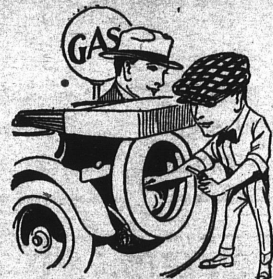
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